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REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR A FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE WORK OF ITS SIXTH SESSION HELD AT GENEVA FROM 7 TO 10 DECEMBER 1992

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The sixth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change was held at Geneva from 7 to 10 December 1992. The meeting was convened in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 46/169 of 19 December 1991 entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind". In pursuance of Committee resolution INC/1992/1 on interim arrangements, the main purpose of the sixth session was "to prepare for the first session of the Conference of the Parties as specified in the Convention".

2. The Bureau of the Committee elected at the first session consisted of:

Chairman: Mr. Jean Ripert (France)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India)
Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaf (Algeria)
Mr. Ion Draghici (Romania)
Mr. Raul Estrada-Oyuela (Argentina)

Rapporteur: Mr. Ion Draghici (Romania)

3. The Bureaux of Working Groups I and II elected at the second session consisted of:

Working Group I

Co-Chairmen: Mr. Nobutoshi Akao (Japan)
Mr. Edmundo de Alba-Alcaraz (Mexico)

Vice-Chairman: Mr. M. Mahmoud Ould El Ghaouth (Mauritania)

Working Group II

Co-Chairmen: Ms. Elizabeth Dowdeswell (Canada)
Mr. Robert F. Van Lierop (Vanuatu)

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Maciej Sadowski (Poland)

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening of the session

4. The sixth session was opened by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Jean Ripert. In his opening statement at the first plenary meeting, on 7 December, he welcomed the members of the Committee to this new phase of its work. Its last session had culminated in the adoption, by consensus, of a Framework Convention on Climate Change which had seen considerable support by member States at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 3 to 14 June 1992. That was very encouraging and satisfying but the Convention was in fact only the start of a process. For that reason, the Committee, the Convention and the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session provided for interim arrangements to maintain the momentum to implement the Convention and to prepare for the first session of the Conference of the Parties. The current session of the Committee had been planned to provide a prompt start, benefiting at the same time from the views expressed on the Convention by the General Assembly.

5. The preparation of a programme of work leading up to the first session of the Conference of the Parties might necessitate the establishment of certain priority tasks and a timetable for action. It might also require the creation of working groups to consider special topics. The Committee would be guided by the tasks before it, presented in the documentation prepared by the secretariat as well as by the activities of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

6. Mr. Ripert announced that for personal reasons he planned to relinquish his position as Chairman of the Committee. He was however ready to continue with the work of the Committee until its next session when a new Chairman could be elected. This would provide time for consultations among States on his replacement and on the anticipated replacement of other Bureau members. Mr. Dasgupta was unlikely to continue his work as Vice-Chairman in view of his appointment as Ambassador of his country to China. Mr. Draghici had taken up a staff appointment with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and hence relinquished his position as Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur. Further, he had just learned, with great pleasure, although with much regret for the work of the Committee, that Ms. Dowdeswell, Co-Chairperson of Working Group II, had been nominated by the Secretary-General as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). On behalf of the Committee, he warmly congratulated Ms. Dowdeswell on her nomination which augured well for strengthened cooperation between the Committee and UNEP.

7. Professor G.O.P. Obasi, Secretary-General of WMO, commended the Committee on its accomplishment in completing the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change within the tight time schedule available prior to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. He regretted but fully appreciated Mr. Ripert's decision to relinquish the position of Chairman. Mr. Ripert had been an inspiration to all in drawing up the Convention and his skill and experience would be sadly missed. He wished him health, happiness and success in his future endeavours. Likewise, he congratulated Ms. Dowdeswell on her well merited nomination as Executive Director of UNEP and looked forward to continued and strengthened cooperation between WMO and UNEP.

8. He also agreed that the Convention was a significant first step in a long and difficult process and he was pleased to note that several States had already deposited their instruments of ratification. WMO endorsed a quick start to the Convention and pledged its continued support to the negotiation process and in particular to the operations of the INC secretariat. As regards the latter, he reiterated WMO's readiness to consider the hosting of the secretariat of the Convention. He also informed the Committee that, as part of the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, WMO, in cooperation with other United Nations partners and non-governmental organizations, was planning an Intergovernmental Meeting on the World Climate Programme from 14 to 16 April 1993. He explained that WMO had a particular interest in seeing efforts to strengthen the infrastructure of climate observations, research, information processing and public awareness. These activities formed a large part of WMO's work, especially within the World Climate Programme and were basic to the deliberations of the Committee, to the work of IPCC and indeed to the needs of individual national decision-makers around the world. The April meeting under the banner of "The Climate Agenda" would specifically address the commitments and stated intentions which call for more intensive cooperation and efforts to reduce the uncertainties about the global climate system and its impact on economies and social well-being. It would also provide an opportunity for States to re-commit themselves to long-standing activities and bring additional resources to bear in a number of new thrusts. He assured the Committee of WMO's commitment to the successful implementation of the Convention as it was also to the preparation of the forthcoming convention on desertification.

B. Adoption of the agenda

9. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 7 December 1992, the Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Organizational matters:

   (a) Adoption of the agenda;
   (b) Organization of work.

2. Preparation for the first session of the Conference of the Parties as specified in the Convention: elaboration of a work plan for the Committee.

3. Review of extrabudgetary funds.

4. Adoption of the report.

C. Organization of work

10. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 7 December 1992, the Committee approved the organization of work as contained in document A/AC.237/21/Add.1.

D. Attendance

11. The sixth session was attended by representatives of the following States:

Afghanistan
Algeria
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Canada
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Cook Islands
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba
Cyprus
Democratic People's Rep. of Korea
Denmark
Djibouti
Dominican Rep.
Ecuador
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea
Ethiopia
Fiji
Finland
France
Gabon
Gambia
Germany
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Honduras
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kenya
Kiribati
Kuwait
Lao People's Democratic Rep.
Lebanon
Lesotho
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Malta
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mexico
Mongolia
Morocco
Myanmar
Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Norway
Pakistan
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Republic of Korea
Russian Fed.
Rwanda
Samoa
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Solomon Islands
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Tuvalu
Uganda
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Venezuela
Viet Nam
Zaire
Zambia
Zimbabwe

12. The following United Nations offices and programmes were represented at the sixth session: Department of Economic and Social Development of the Secretariat; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Institute for Training and Research; United Nations Centre for Human Settlements.

13. The following specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system were represented at the sixth session: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission/UNESCO; World Bank; International Monetary Fund; World Meteorological Organization; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; International Atomic Energy Agency; General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade; WMO/UNEP Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

14. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented at the sixth session: Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation; Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee; Caribbean Meteorological Organization; European Economic Community; International Energy Agency/OECD; League of Arab States; Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment; South Pacific Regional Environment Programme.

15. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were represented:

Category I: International Chamber of Commerce; World Federation of United Nations Associations.

Category II: Greenpeace International; International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association; World Coal Institute; World Council of Churches.

Roster: Natural Resources Defense Council.

16. The following other non-governmental organizations were also represented: International Academy of the Environment: Alliance for Responsible CFC Policy; Ancient Forest International; Centre for our Common Future; Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network; Climate Action Network; Climate Council; Climate Institute; Development Alternatives; Earth Council; Edison Electric Institute; Environmental Defense Fund; Fundacion Pro-Sierre Nevada de Santa Marta; GAPVOD; Global Climate Coalition; Global Commons Institute; Global Coral Reef Alliance; IREC; National Coal Association; Rainforest Regeneration Institute; Stockholm Environment Institute; Tata Energy Research Institute; Union of Concerned Scientists; VERTIC; World Wide Fund for Nature.

17. The following other organization was represented by an observer: Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania.

D. Documentation

18. The documents before the Committee at its sixth session are listed in Annex II to the present report.

III. PREPARATION FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AS SPECIFIED IN THE CONVENTION: ELABORATION OF A WORK PLAN FOR THE COMMITTEE

19. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 7 December 1992, the Executive Secretary informed the Committee that 158 States and one regional economic integration organization had signed the Convention. So far, seven States had deposited their instruments of ratification of the Convention. (see document A/AC.237/INF.10). The instruments of ratification by three other States were expected shortly. 1/

20. He referred to the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly (A/47/466). He also drew attention to the draft resolution currently before the Assembly (A/C.2/47/L.58). The mandate of INC in the draft resolution was effectively in three parts: to prepare for the first session of the Conference of the Parties; to contribute to the effective functioning of the interim arrangements; and to promote a coherent and coordinated programme of action in support of the entry into force and implementation of the Convention, paying particular attention, in that context, to capacity building in developing and other countries.

21. He also drew attention to his note on the activities of United Nations bodies relevant to the entry into force and implementation of the Convention (A/AC.237/22) and provided some supplementary information and comments.

22. The Executive Secretary informed the Committee that a communication had been received from the delegation of the United States of America in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution INC/1992/1. (Two other delegations - Cuba and the Netherlands - submitted such communications during the session).

23. He then drew attention to Annex I of the provisional agenda (A/AC.237/21 and Corr.1), section 1 of which provided a list of the tasks specified in the Convention to be carried out by the Conference of the Parties at its first session. There were other tasks listed in section 2 of Annex I and the accompanying notes.

24. The Executive Secretary expressed his regret that the Chairman was relinquishing his position. He recalled the sentiments he had expressed at the last session of the Committee and reiterated the benefits he, the secretariat and the Committee had gained from the Chairman's vast experience and ability.

25. During the 1st and 2nd plenary meetings, on 7 and 8 December 1992, statements were made by 32 delegations, including one on behalf of the European Economic Community and its member States. A number informed the Committee that the process of ratification of the Convention was proceeding in their countries. Several also mentioned that the preparation of national plans on climate change were under way. Three delegations introduced the documentation that they had submitted under Committee resolution INC/1992/1 para.6 (see para. 22 above). Many delegations made suggestions as to how the Committee might carry out its work during the session and they all expressed regret at the decision of the Chairman to relinquish his position and paid tribute to the immense contribution he had made in making the Convention a reality. Likewise warm congratulations were offered to Ms. Dowdeswell on her nomination as Executive Director of UNEP. Ms. Dowdeswell made a statement at the 6th plenary meeting on 10 December 1992, expressing thanks and looking forward to strong co-operation between UNEP and the Convention process.

1/ By the end of the session, one further instrument of ratification was deposited.

26. The representative of Turkey informed the Committee that his country would participate in the first session of the Conference of the Parties and, in accordance with Article 16 of the Convention, would submit a proposal concerning the deletion of the name of Turkey from Annexes I and II of the Convention.

27. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 7 December 1992, the representative of UNEP added to the information on its activities contained in document A/AC.237/22. In particular she mentioned the role of UNEP in the World Climate Impact and Response Programme of the World Climate Programme, activities within the Global Environment Monitoring System (GEMS) and the activities of the UNEP/WMO Information Unit on Climate Change (IUCC).

28. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the Intergovernmental Meeting on the World Climate Programme (WCP), being organized by WMO on behalf of the co-sponsors of the WCP, provided additional information on the preparations for the session, emphasizing the focus on support of the WCP for the implementation of the Convention and the follow-up to Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

29. At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 1992, the representative of the Commission of the European Communities reported on the programme of action on climate change under preparation by the Commission.

30. At the 3rd plenary meeting, on 9 December 1992, the Chairman of the Participants' Assembly of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) made a statement reporting on the outcome of the recent meeting of the Assembly held in Abidjan from 3 to 5 December 1992, and on the programme of work for restructuring GEF. He looked forward to strengthening collaboration and interaction between GEF and the INC process.

31. At the 4th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1992, the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), made a statement reporting on the conclusions of the eighth session of IPCC held in Harare from 10 to 13 November 1992. The Panel had agreed on a new structure and on its work programme during the interim period leading up to the entry into force of the Convention and to the first session of the Conference of the Parties.

32. The representative of the United Kingdom, speaking on behalf of the European Economic Community and its member States, felt inter alia that the IPCC could assist the Committee in providing initially the best available advice on methodologies for inventories of greenhouse gas sources and sinks (by 1 January 1994), on the relative radiative forcing of different greenhouse gases (by 1 July 1994), on significant scientific developments since the 1992 update (by the time of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties) and in providing a full second assessment in time for the second Conference of the Parties.

33. The representative of Saudi Arabia, commenting on the statement of the representative of the United Kingdom, requested technical and economic advice from IPCC in respect of Article 4.10 regarding consideration to be given to the Parties with economies vulnerable to measures to respond to climate change. The representative from India made a similar request concerning Article 4.8.

34. At the 4th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1992, the representative of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), made a statement supplementing the information relating to IOC given in document A/AC.237/22.

35. Also at the 4th plenary meeting, the representative of the Climate Action Network, speaking on behalf of certain non-governmental organizations (NGOs), made a statement.

IV. REVIEW OF EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS

36. At the 4th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1992, the Executive Secretary introduced his note updating information on the two extrabudgetary funds established under General Assembly resolution 45/212 (A/AC.237/21 and Add.1 and Corr.1). He thanked contributors to the funds, as well as the secretariats of UNCTAD and UNDP, for their administrative support.

37. With respect to the special voluntary fund, he explained the action by the secretariat, after review of past practice, to widen access to the fund by developing countries. He also explained the availability of additional finance for the participation of certain countries from Central and Eastern Europe. He estimated that 87 countries had benefitted from support for their participation in the sixth session of the Committee. He drew attention to the need for new contributions to the fund to finance participation in sessions of the Committee in 1993 and 1994.

38. In connection with his report on the trust fund for the negotiating process, that was used to defray secretariat expenses, the Executive Secretary also provided information on support for the staffing of the secretariat from WMO, UNEP and bilateral sources. In this connection, he pointed out that budgetary proposals before the General Assembly in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.58 did not provide for more than the maintenance of resource levels that had been approved a year earlier. Any additional resources through the United Nations regular budget would be available through revised estimates to be presented to a resumed session of the General Assembly early in 1993, in the context of the Secretary-General's plan for restructuring the Secretariat.

39. The Executive Secretary also briefed the Committee on the type of activities that might be financed out of extrabudgetary resources, including communication, data management and training activities. He pointed out that, while extrabudgetary funding would probably be forthcoming, it was necessary to have a staff capacity to generate such funding and prepare the required projects.

40. At the same meeting, a number of delegations announced new contributions to one or other of the extrabudgetary funds or to the staffing of the secretariat. The Executive Secretary replied to questions raised by delegations.

41. In conclusion, the Executive Secretary reiterated his suggestion that pledges to the two trust funds be made for a year at a time so as to facilitate planning. The Chairman expressed the hope that sufficient extrabudgetary funding would be forthcoming to maintain effective participation in the Committee and to provide the interim secretariat with the capacity that it would need to support a prompt start to the implementation of the Convention.

V. CONCLUSIONS

42. In the light of the discussions in plenary and during informal meetings, and taking into account a background note prepared by the secretariat and annexed to this report (Annex I), the Committee at its 6th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1992, concluded as follows:

43. The Committee would focus its preparatory work primarily on those tasks specified in the Convention for action by the first session of the Conference of the Parties, as listed in section 1 of Annex I to document A/AC.237/21 and Corr. 1.

44. For the purposes of organization of work, these tasks would be clustered under three headings, namely:

A. Matters relating to commitments:

1. Methodologies for calculations/inventories of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases;

2. Criteria for joint implementation;

3. First review of the information communicated by each Party included in Annex I of the Convention;

4. Review of adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paras.2(a) and 2(b).

B. Matters relating to arrangements for the financial mechanism and for technical and financial support to the developing country Parties:

1. Implementation of Article 11 (Financial mechanism), paras.1-4;

2. Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support;

3. Consideration of the maintenance of the interim arrangements referred to in Article 21, para.3.

C. Procedural, institutional and legal matters:

1. Rules of procedure and financial rules of the Conference of the Parties and of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention;

2. Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning;

3. Consideration of the establishment of a multilateral consultative process for the resolution of questions regarding implementation.

45. The Committee decided to assign these tasks to two working groups. Working Group I would deal with cluster A above and Working Group II would deal with clusters B and C. Bearing in mind that the Convention might enter into force earlier than anticipated, the Committee should have an accelerated schedule and set priorities for each session.

46. There are a number of related tasks that may be taken up, as appropriate, in conjunction with tasks specified for action by the Conference of the Parties at its first session.

47. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.58 before the General Assembly, the Committee confirmed the need for close working relationships with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Global Environment Facility.

48. In keeping with paragraphs 8 and 9 of the same draft resolution, the Committee would take full account of work relating to climate change being carried out within the United Nations system with a view to promoting a coherent and co-ordinated programme of activities aimed at supporting the entry into force and effective implementation of the Convention. It requested the secretariat to provide information on these activities regularly.

49. Referring to paragraph 11 of the same draft resolution, the Committee expressed the strong hope that arrangements could be made within the United Nations regular budget so that a nucleus of the skills required in the interim phase could be available to the interim secretariat of the Convention, which would mobilize additional expertise through collaborative networks and

consultancy arrangements. Close co-operation with the secretariat for the Commission on Sustainable Development and related secretariat arrangements in Geneva was also encouraged.

50. The Committee requested the interim secretariat to provide adequate support to its work, including the preparation of working papers as may be required. It invited the Executive Secretary to seek extrabudgetary contributions to the activities of the interim secretariat, including activities envisaged in paras. 8 and 9 of the draft resolution of the General Assembly, inter alia from the GEF and from member States.

51. In this context the Committee requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with other concerned entities, to explore the best way of organizing a "clearing house" for the exchange of information and experience on relevant technical and financial co-operation activities, bilateral and multilateral, including greenhouse gas inventories and country studies, and to report to the Committee.

52. The Committee further requested the Executive Secretary to pursue the information and training programme outlined in document A/AC.237/22, paras. 32 to 34.

53. The Committee decided to hold two sessions during 1993. In view of the restricted possibilities for convening an early session, the Committee decided that, subject to approval by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences, the seventh session of the Committee should be held in New York from 15 to 19 March 1993, extending to 20 March 1993 if necessary. During that session, only the second of the two Working Groups would be convened, primarily to discuss the financial mechanism. The eighth session was scheduled in Geneva from 16 to 27 August 1993; both Working Groups would be convened during that session. The secretariat was requested to make adequate provision in the calendar for sessions of the Committee in 1994 and to make proposals to the Committee at its seventh session.

54. Noting that the Chairman would relinquish his position and that other withdrawals from the Bureau were taking place, the Committee stressed the need for appropriate consultations to be conducted in a timely manner, with a view to facilitating the election, at the start of the seventh session, of the Chairman and the new Bureau members as well as officers of the Working Groups, as needed.

VI. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

55. At its 6th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1992, the Committee considered the draft report on its sixth session (A/AC.237/L.16). It requested the Executive Secretary to include the conclusions it had reached during the 5th and 6th plenary meetings, as well as the related Annnex, and to complete the report under the guidance of the Chairman.

Annex I

TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS FIRST SESSION

Background note by the Executive Secretary

1. At the request of the Chairman, the secretariat has prepared an illustrative listing of tasks that could be undertaken by the first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and on which preparatory work by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee could focus.

2. This listing is based on the tasks specified for action by the COP at its first session, contained in A/AC.237/21, Annex I, section 1. These tasks can be clustered under three headings, as indicated in the attachment to this Annex:

A. Matters relating to commitments;

B. Matters relating to arrangements for the financial mechanism and for technical and financial support to developing country Parties;

C. Procedural, institutional and legal matters.

3. For each of the tasks listed in the attachment, cross-references have been made to other relevant tasks, not specified for the first session of the COP, most of which are listed in Section 2 of Annex I to A/AC.237/21 and the accompanying notes. These "unspecified" tasks will be taken up, as appropriate, in conjunction with tasks specified for action by the COP at its first session.

4. This note does not address the organization of work on these clusters, nor does it advance suggestions regarding priorities or the calendar of work.

A. MATTERS RELATING TO COMMITMENTS

1. Methodologies for calculations/inventories of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases

(See Art. 4, para. 2 (c), referring to para. 2(b), that specify action by the COP I; see also Art. 4, para. 1 (a), Art. 7, para. 2(d), and Art. 12, para. 1 (a). See also para. 6 of the draft resolution before the General Assembly A/C.2/47/L.58).

Notes: (a) Work on methodologies is under way in IPCC, as are complementary studies by UNEP. Information on this work will be communicated to INC by the secretariat. The Chairman of IPCC may also convey information in statements to INC;

(b) Issues arising would include:

- Requests for timely inputs from IPCC on the basis of the best available scientific knowledge and practicability;
- Role of Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.

2. Criteria for joint implementation

(see Art. 4, para. 2(d), referring to para. 2(a))

Note: Possible relevance of studies/projects under GEF, IPCC, UNEP and OECD auspices.

3. First review of the information communicated by each Party included in Annex I of the Convention.

(See Art. 4, paras. 2(b) and 2(d) and para. 6, Art. 9, Art. 10 and Art. 12, paras. 1-3, 5-6 and 10; see also Art. 7, paras. 2(d), 2(e) and 2(f) and Art. 12, paras. 8 and 9 and para. 4 of the draft resolution before the General Assembly (A/C.2/47/L.58))

Note: Issues arising in preparatory work on these modalities would include:

- Formats and contents of communications;
- Methodologies for evaluating the effectiveness of measures;
- Compilation and synthesis of information in communications for purposes of aggregation, assessment of overall effects and report on implementation;
- Role of Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

4. Review of adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paras. 2(a) and 2(b)

(See Art. 4, para. 2(d); see also references under item 3 above as appropriate and para. 6 of A/C.2/47/L.58)

Notes: (a) The Second Assessment by IPCC is not expected to be available before August/September 1995. However, the IPCC will prepare a "special report" in this regard for the INC and COP by mid 1994. In the interim, progress on this work by IPCC will be reported to INC by the secretariat. The Chairman of IPCC may also convey information in statements to INC.

(b) Issues arising in preparatory work on these modalities would include:

- Nature and sources of information to be taken into account;
- Requests for such information in time for the COP process;
- Role of Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (See (a) above regarding IPCC).

B. MATTERS RELATING TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM AND FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTIES

1. Implementation of Article 11 (Financial mechanism), paras. 1-4

(See also Article 4, paras. 3, 7, 8 and 10; Article 7, para. 2(h), Article 12 para. 1 and Article 21, para. 3. See also para. 6 of A/C.2/47/L.58)

Notes: (a) The GEF Participants' Assembly (PA) plans to complete its GEF restructuring process by December 1993. Information on GEF restructuring and on GEF activities related to climate change, including the amount of funding available for them, will be communicated to INC by the secretariat. The Chairman of the GEF (PA) may also convey information in statements to INC.

(b) Issues arising with regard to these arrangements would include:

(i) Content of guidance from the COP to the financial mechanism for the provision of financial resources on a grant or concessional basis, including for the transfer of technology; decisions on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria (Art.11.1);

(ii) Arrangements to be agreed between COP and operating entity (ies) (Art. 11.3), including modalities with respect to:

- ensuring the conformity of projects with COP guidelines;
- reconsideration of funding decisions;
- reporting to COP;
- determination and review of amount of funding necessary and available;

(iii) Assurance of characteristics of financial mechanism (equity/balance in representation of all Parties, transparent governance, accountability) (Art.11.1 and 11.2);

(iv) Provision of timely inputs by INC to GEF (NB: The INC calendar should be coordinated with that of GEF so as to ensure a productive interaction).

2. Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support

(See Art. 12, para. 7; see also Art. 8, para. 2(c) and paras. 8 and 9 of A/C.2/47/L.58)

Note: These arrangements could be supported by a clearing house function to exchange information and experience on relevant technical and financial cooperation activities, bilateral and multilateral. This information system would be organized in collaboration with concerned entities. It would be intended to facilitate assistance to Parties and the coordination of such assistance. It would include GHG inventories and country studies, as well as other activities envisaged in

paras. 8 and 9 of the draft General Assembly resolution (e.g. information and training activities in developing and other countries).

3. **Consideration of the maintenance of the interim arrangements referred to in Article 21, para. 3**

(See Art. 11, para. 4)
(See notes under item B.1 above, as appropriate)

C. PROCEDURAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

1. **Rules of procedure and financial rules of the Conference of the Parties and of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention**

(See Art. 7, para. 3; see also Art. 7, para. 2(k))

Note: Preliminary work is under way in the secretariat.

2. **Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning**

(See Art. 8, para. 3; see also Art. 7, para. 2(k) and Art. 21, para. 1)

3. **Consideration of the establishment of a multilateral consultative process for the resolution of questions regarding implementation**

(See Art. 13; see also Article 14, para. 2(b) and para. 7)

Annex II

List of documents before the Committee at its sixth session

A/AC.237/18(Part I)	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention On Climate Change on the work of the first part of its fifth session, held at New York from 18 to 28 February 1992
A/AC.237/18 (Part II) and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the second part of its fifth session, held at New York from 30 April to 9 May 1992
A/AC.237/21 and Add.1 and Corr.1	Provisional agenda and annotations, including suggestions for the organization of work
A/AC.237/22	Activities of United Nations bodies relevant to the entry into force and implementation of the Convention: note by the Executive Secretary
A/AC.237/23 and Add.1 and Corr.1	Review of extrabudgetary funds: note by the Executive Secretary
A/AC.237/INF.10	Dates of signature and ratification of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
A/47/466	Report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on progress achieved in the implementation of resolution 46/169 on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind
A/C.2/47/L.58	Protection of global climate for present and future generation of mankind: draft resolution submitted to the Second Committee
A/AC.237/L.16	Draft report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its sixth session, held at Geneva from 7 to 10 December 1992

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